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War Plans Dominate As Shaker Studies U. S. Office Of Education Proposals

A preparatory military training program for U. S. high school students was proposed this month by U. S. Office of Education. It recommended a course of pre-flight aeronautics in an effort to prepare high school boys (maybe girls) for this branch of service in which skilled personnel is greatly needed. Pre-flight aeronautics would consist of a combination of math, physics, and physical training. Through it students would learn the fundamentals of the physics of flight and of modern aircraft and aircraft techniques. Much planning and debate is necessary, however, before such a plan can be successfully worked into our curriculum.

In Shaker the plan is being discussed, and a poll of seniors reveals an enthusiasm to cooperate and to create an effective program here at Shaker. Courses most often suggested were: first aid, nursing, military training, rifle practice, basic aeronautics and aviation, radio and other communications, and a course in war aims. Also strongly recommended were refresher courses in physics and algebra, advanced chemistry, math related to engine techniques, blueprint reading, extension of home economics, and auto-mechanics for girls.

Also shown in this poll was an effort on the part of seniors not only to prepare themselves for actual military service, but also to establish an effective and efficient home front. The poll indicated the necessity of trained first aid and efficient home management in defeating the Axis menace.

Left to the Administration and to the departments of math and science, is the job of organizing and providing for this big all-American program. If successfully adopted the program will do much to prepare Young America to defend and preserve and provide for the future of the American way of life.

Gonda Leads I. C. C. Into New Year

The Inter-Club Council, the representative committee of Shaker's social clubs, has opened the new year headed by Dick Gonda, D. A. T., as General Chairman. Also holding the position of News Editor of the Shakerite, Dick has been his club's choice of I. C. C. representative for the last two years.

The other officers all elected at the end of last semester are Nancy Burt, D. B. X., secretary; Bob Mapes, P. B. X., assistant secretary; Emil Micsko, Algonquin, treasurer; and Mary Young, S. S. S., assistant treasurer.

Continuing in an advisory capacity will be R. B. Patin, Miss Helene Laitem, Homer Horth, and Mrs. F. C. Wrede, mother of one of the representatives.

The I. C. C. calendar, Shaker institution which this year will be maintained by Jean Fielding, S. T. D., the new social chairman, already boasts at least four coming events. The Valhalla club plans an affair for October 2 and Hi-Y is organizing a victory dance at Shaker the night of the Rocky River fray. Other activity is slated by the Friars club on November 7, and the K. P. K. club, which will hold the annual Heights-Shaker victory fete October 24.

Other committee chairmen, named at the first meeting, September 11, are Bruce Narten, K. P. K., publicity; Jerry Rini, D. P. G., rules; Alan Sands, N. T. P., finance; Mary Jo Taylor, M. H. A., membership; and Vic Gelb, B. A. T., athletic.

Plan War Chest Drive

"A Double Duty on a Double Front" will keynote the annual Community Fund drive October 19-29, featuring the War Chest in coperation with the war effort. Edward Danforth, the student representative and speaker from Shaker, has visited War Chest agencies to get first-hand information about the work on the home front.

Air Raid Practices Keep Shaker on Toes

"We must be ready for any emergency. We must not be caught napping!" This is L. R. Thrailkill's answer to those students who can't see why we have practiced drills so frequently.

Drills from now on will be held only twice a week. There will be one blue-red and one yellow drill and these will be only for the high school. Any system-wide drills will come unannounced, and will be in addition to the high school two-a-week drills.

The masculine half of our faculty has been assigned to various positions in and about the school in the event of a system-wide "go home" drill. So if Mesrs. Henry, Haines, Bosch, Walton, Harbourt, Moritz, and Troyan have ever cherished any desires to be policemen they will now have a chance to and stop traffic on streets adjoining the school with professional gusto.

Other men teachers are stationed in the halls together with our indispensable feminine teacher contingent.

The only rooms not yet covered by the air raid protection are the large and small auditorium. Arrangements will soon be made for practice drills from there.

War Stamp Drive Reopens; What's Shaker's Answer

For the second year United States War Bonds and Stamps went on sale in the Cafeteria yesterday.

Both 10c and 25c stamps are being sold and bonds of any denomination may be purchased directly through the school from Mr. Thrailkill.

Last year the sale of war bonds and stamps amounted to $1,764.05. Considering that the savings certificates were sold only from March 3 to May 22, the sale was admirable. This year however the total is expected to reach at least $5,000.

Purchases last year included 3,371 25c stamps, totaling $842.75; 7,713 10c stamps totaling $771.30; four twenty-five dollar bonds, and 1 one hundred dollar bond.

"Bill's" a Pop; Spanish Classes Confused Sept. 14

Brian Lee Walton! At precisely twenty-seven minutes past 4:00 P. M. on Monday, September 14, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Walton.

This great event took place at the Woman's Hospital where Mr. Walton, too tired to pace the floor, just sat, waiting. Brian, who weighed 6¾ pounds at birth, is the son of Shaker's theater director and Spanish teacher.

Named because of a fondness for Gaelic names and a liking for Brian Aherne, Brian Walton is unlike the Gump's child. (See News comic strip.) His life is not being planned for him. The Waltons believe in letting him do his own planning. In course of this they expect to contend with Annapolis, West Point, Harvard, etc., and firemen, policemen, cowboys, Indians, and President.

U. S., Murmansk Both Familiar To This Sailor

Emery Jakab, seaman first-class, a former pupil of Shaker High, has seen actual combat duty in Iceland. During his visit to Shaker on Thursday of last week, the following word by word description on a battle with the Germans was revealed:

"On June 31, we left our post in Iceland and went to the other side of the island. Our convoy consisted of 33 merchant ships and was carrying medical supplies, light tanks, Martin bombers, foodstuffs, etc., to embattled Russia. Our destination was to be 150 miles this side of Bear Island where the Von Tirpitz, Pringe Eugene, Schoenhurst, Lutzow, and Hipper were protected together with battleships and heavy cruisers. The Russian fleet was supposed to meet us this side of Bear Island but there was a mixup in signals. On July 3 at 6:30 P. M., we made our first German contact with four heavy bombers. They couldn't decide whether to attack us.

"On July 4 at 5:30 P. M. we sighted sixty-two German planes consisting of torpedo bombers, light bombers, and Messerschmidts. We drove off the first attack, but at 6:12 P. M. they attacked again, this time sinking an old tanker and one merchant vessel. The plane that launched the torpedo was soon downed by an American destroyer. We broke up the second attack at about 7:25 P. M. There was a third wave attack, this time consisting of 110 planes. We drove off this attack and continued to Russia. The fleet split up; the convoy taking half to Murmansk and half to Archangel. This was the first time I had ever been across the ocean. Coming home we ran into five Focke-Wolf fighters, drove them off and continued to Iceland."

"Jake" forgot to say that the anti-aircraft battery under his command shot down four German planes.

Student Assembly Talent Sought

With major emphasis on student assemblies, Mrs. Harriet Strela, faculty adviser of the assembly committee, feels that the assemblies this year will go down in Shaker's history as some of the best it has ever had. In addition to student talent the following will appear:

October 2, Mr. Augustus Turner, who has been in Valparaiso, Chile, will talk on South American Relations at our assembly.

October 14, Miss Lenore Pasch, dance artist, will give her first performance before any high school audience at Shaker.

October 27, Mr. H. C. Cooper will bring a group of blind from Palo Alto, California. The program will feature Pierce Knox, youthful xylophonist, and winner of first place all-American high schools. Other blind will demonstrate the Braille system of writing.

For further plans Mrs. Strela is awaiting the suggestions of the Student Council Committee which is now being selected.

Adviser Hopes for Best

The newly appointed faculty adviser of the Shakerite, in the absence of George G. Starr, who is in the service of the armed forces of the United States, is Mrs. Nathalie Anderson of homeroom 210. When asked, she commented, "I have a great confidence in the new staff. I hope that the paper will be very successful this year."

Bob Mapes Rescues Bob Davis From Fall Of One Thousand Feet in Colorado Gold Mine

Out of a Colorado army camp one cold night this summer rolled a special car, special because there were two chilly Shakerites in the back seat. These hitch-hikers were Bob Mapes and Bob Davis. They were spending the summer wiping dishes and waiting on recruits in the camp mess-hall.

Before long the silhouette of Leadville became visible and soon they were turning a corner and entering the heart of the town. There the car stopped, the two Bobs jumped out, and the car moved away into the night. For a while they probed around Leadville, but at length they sought out a boxcar and retired for the night.

As the sun rose, so did they. But unlike the bright sun they were somewhat dull after sleeping on the bed of coal provided them by the railway company. Thus in the early morning the two dusty Shakerites, full of curiosity, walked to an abandoned gold and silver mine. There they made their way to the main building. Davis blew the dust off the door knob, turned it, and pulled. His efforts only brought a cloud of dust upon himself from the immovable door. Then

suddenly his foot sank into the ground.

"At first I thought I'd stepped into a gopher hole," said Davis. "My second thought was different." For now a circle of earth gave way under him and he fell fast. Quickly thrusting out his hands he manaaged to catch hold of the earthy rim about him and check his fall, but his weight pulled torturingly on his arms and threatened to pull him loose. In the meantime, Bob Mapes crawled out on his stomach, urging him to hang on. Although in danger of the same fall, he moved on to save his friend. Now over the hole in which Davis dangled, Mapes steadied himself, grabbed Davis under the arms, and struggled hard to pull him out. Finally, though chunks of earth broke off around him, he managed to pull Davis up and over onto the crumbling earth. Cautiously they inched their way to firm ground where they paused to catch their breath. At this time the ground which they had just left heaved with a groan and noisily settled into the hole which, they discovered later, was an old excavation over 1,000 feet deep!

It's Your Paper

THERE is probably no other part of the paper which is criticized more frequently than the editorial column. Some people feel that it is too watery and spineless, others think that it doesn't represent the opinions of the students, and still others just don't like it on general principles.

All those who wish to see the editorials changed in some form or manner are very liberal with everything but suggestions, which finally brings this particular editorial to a place from which it should have begun.

Due to the fact that most Shakerite "writers" do not lead double lives, it is almost impossible for them to be in close touch with both schools of opinion or every debatable subject. Therefore, it's up to you to tell us what you want. That's the only way these editorials can have any punch.

Look over the masthead on this page, note the reporters you know, and every time you think some thing should be brought to the attention of the school and that this column can do so effectively, tell that reporter.

You've heard that before? Well, just try us out and give us a fair chance to write editorials of value.

D. T.

Why Not . . . — ?

IS Shaker all out? Are you, I mean you personally, doing all you can to help the war effort? Oh yes, Sam Shaker, you're participating in the air raid drills as you are expected to do; Sally Shaker is probably doing some knitting, and you, Sam Sr., are taking on a more severe physical education program. But, Sam and Sally Shaker, you're not all out.

We sold almost two thousand dollars in War Stamps and Bonds last year in school. That's a lot of money, but the average was only fifteen cents' worth a week. We had paper sales last year and a lot of paper was brought in, but per capita, Sam Shaker, you didn't even bring in an armful. And then those seemingly unimportant defense lectures, Sally Shaker—you know your mind was on that Friday night date with Sam and not on what the speaker had to say to you.

Now how about it, Sam and Sally? It's not the patriotism that's needed but just a little more effort. This year let's really pitch into this war and go "ALL OUT FOR VICTORY!"

D. G.

C'est la Guerre

BECAUSE of possible air raids the school board does not wish to be responsible for stray groups of students wandering aimlessly about the halls. We all understand the need for air raid drills, so let's take this clearing of the building by 3:20 in the same spirit.

Those students in clubs or other groups under the supervision of a teacher or those students having legitimate business about the school will not find themselves "inconvenienced"; and even if they do, convenience is a comparatively small thing to sacrifice these days.

D. T.

Dear Young One,

You'll pardon an old, embittered, world-weary 12A from achieving a little delight in the antics of your class. Since the day I entered these portals and was initiated by a lot of "sophisticated" seniors I have been awaiting this happy day.

The utter amazement of the whole thing, so plainly written on your faces, will not be erased until we have gone and your class is firmly established on its way to success. You'll then have the opportunity of helping another **green** class over the "look out, a senior, jitters." Don't mind me though, I've lived through it! You will too if you go about it right. I've found it necessary to do a minimum of work—really some work must be done—but there's a lot of play along with responsibility. Your three years are filled to the brim with dances, plays, operettas, campaigns, sports, romance, and well—! This job may not be as easy as ours for these are different times and situations have to be managed according to your own good judgment.

This is all the advice I can give you, but it goes deeper than just that. It's a hope that when we come back you will have mastered any and all difficulties and made the Alma Mater a prouder name than ever.

Best Wishes,
The 12A Class.

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10B's! What's your answer? The best comeback will be printed in the next issue of the Shakerite. Now here's the way to do it:

Write your answer in ink, on one side only of your paper, and hand it to your English teacher.

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Take Heed!

The attack had come without warning. No one had observed the slender column of metal that marked the spot where an enemy submarine lurked grimly beneath the tossing waves. No one knew how long it had waited to send its deadly cargo of torpedoes crashing into the helpless ship.

Now the steamer was an inferno of death and destruction. On its flame-seared decks, terrified figures scurried wildly about. Others were hurled into the shark-infested water by the force of the explosion and were vainly attempting to cling to bits of wreckage that drifted by.

Suppose you were on that ill-fated steamer? How would you act? What would you do? These questions and many others were the subject of an enlightening discussion held in the boys' swimming classes under the direction of George T. Lee. This was a timely topic since many Shaker boys may some day find themselves in a like situation. Mr. Lee advised that in a predicament similar to the sinking of a steamer, or for that matter, in any emergency, the first thing to do is to KEEP CALM! If there is burning oil on the surface of the water, the best advice is to stay on the ship as long as possible and then dive into the water to the leeward (into the wind) and swim at least fifty yards away to avoid the suction of the sinking vessel. To insure maximum safety from the burning oil it is advisable to swim under water as far as possible or until the danger zone is passed.

To escape the menace of sharks and Physalia (Portuguese Man-of-War) swim calmly to avoid attracting their attention. Once these fish sight a swimmer, he can best protect himself by making as much commotion as possible. This will usually drive them away.

It would be wise for you to remember these hints of safety, for some day they may aid in saving YOUR life!

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Warning! If you see Mr. Harbourt in the halls avoid him—he's predicting again. And if he does corner you, don't mention New York!

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Songs our Seniors taught us:

LaVelle Pelton: "Can't Get Indiana Off My Mind." Who knows, maybe he's singing "Beautiful Ohio."

Dorothy Kutis: "I Want to Go Back to West Virginia."

A few souls on the Central Committee: "Oh, How I Wish Again That I Was in Michigan."

Alice (Bunny) Shaw: or has she stopped singing "On Wisconsin"?

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Targets of the month: Mr. Bosch and male students scrambling about on top of filing cabinets in search of maps (Alexander's Empire, no doubt).

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Lydia Rydholm went east to see Tommy, but she never got that Signal Corps pin from him. And in case you'd like to see the Signal Corps "This Is the Army" arrives about the first week in December.

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For some reason Shaker modern history classes seem to attract boys from Cathedral Latin. At least Bob Clapp says they come from Cathedral Latin. (But we know, don't we?)

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The fall run at Thistle Down taught quite a few Shakerites that playing the ponies is a sucker's game (and I know whereof I speak). But on the other hand it was quite profitable for Red Templeton who won the daily double the Saturday before Labor Day and cashed in on forty-eight dollars plus.

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Dick Gonda didn't do so badly, either. (Free Form reading lessons given on appointment only.)

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And have you been noticing the super supermen charging about the Shaker halls as a result of the five day a week gym schedule?

Personality Parade

Deeply engrossed in the middle chapters of Kenilworth by Sir Walter Scott, Ann Lockwood admitted that she preferred Dickens and Shakespeare for the classics. Of course, if Miss Palmer happens to read this, we assure her Ann is a very talented student.

Between dogs and singing she has quite a time. Not real dogs at present, just pictures, china models, and many books. Her favorite Collie was killed some time ago. As for singing, it now remains just a hobby because of a tough schedule in school.

You can't mistake the Lockwood laugh; it's low and rather throaty, but matches the sparkling red hair and devilish eyes. If she succeeds in her ambition, that of becoming an actress, there won't be a more attractive woman on the stage, even with the freckles well hidden under grease paint.

As you might guess she plays at sports of all kinds, but prefers swimming, tennis, and sailing. When she was in New York this summer, biding some time with that "someone," she did a lot of yachting and perfected her skill on jibs and spinakers.

For the coming year, in which she delights at being a senior, she plans to re-join the Travel Club and try out for Sharcs. And here's a tip for Mr. Walton: Ann wants to be in the Dramatic Club and if past performances mean anything she would be a great success.

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You've often seen him in the halls quietly going about his business of helping out anyone and everything. He is tall and lanky and has a smile that reaches from ear to ear.

Chuck McGuire has been appointed business manager of the school and though he likes his new job, he regrets that it keeps him from participating in sports. In past years he has been a member of the Travel Club and hopes to be in again this year.

His favorite hobby is people. Says he, "Instead of collecting stamps or coins, I try to collect friends." After much urging he finally broke down and mentioned that his girl is his favorite hobby if anyone wants him to limit the field.

When he finishes at Shaker, "Mac" intends to go to Case and study aeronautical engineering. His ambition is big, big business. And don't ask him to explain, he won't!

SERVICE NOTES

More than 180 Shaker graduates and faculty members have thus far been called into their country's service. **Second Lieutenant Robert S. Fryer** was recently appointed Special Service officer for the Rifle Range Road area.

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Stanley Stone, a graduate and present vice-president of a large clothing store in New York City, is now applying for a commission in the Navy. **Charles Campbell** represents Shaker in the Marines where he is studying radio.

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Reynold Ellis, recently at the Walla Walla, Washington Army Air Base, is now stationed at the officers' training school at Miami, Florida. His rank is now that of Corporal.

Dave Benedict will soon leave the country in command of some twenty men for the Signal Corps.

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Alan Dill is now in the Solomon Islands, while **Ed Palatsek** is stationed in Iceland.

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Major York Pitkin, former laboratory assistant at Shaker, is in charge of a base hospital, 151 Medical Battalion, 7th Army Corps, Rio Del Mar, California.

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Among the torpedoed Shakerites are **Lt. J. Newton** who drifted in the Atlantic for five days, and **Bill Spear** who was torpedoed in the Gulf of Mexico.

The **Lester Krauses, Jr.** and **Sr.**, are now in the Army Air Corps. **Lt. Krause, Jr.**, is pilot of one of the fast P-40 pursuit ships. His father, **Capt Krause**, is now taking six weeks preliminary training at Miami before reporting to military intelligence school at Harrisburg, Penna., and ultimately a plane squadron.

Gridders Meet Shaw Tonight

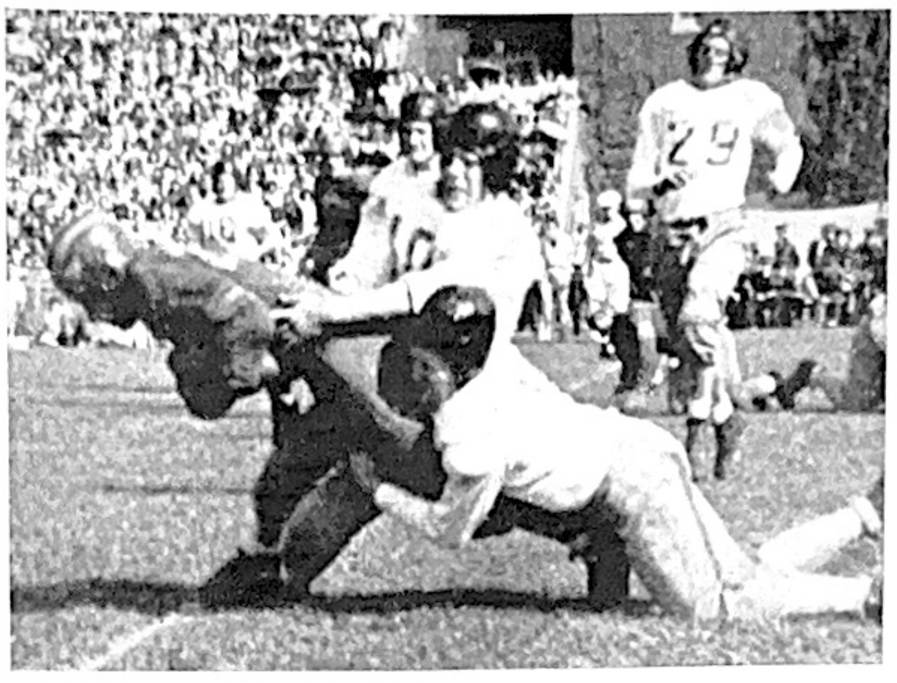
By Harold Deutsch

An unpredictable, though sometimes flashy Shaker eleven will make an attempt to slow down Shaw's power house at the Cardinals' field tonight. Shaker will be looking for their second victory over the Cardinals since their rivalry began.

Shaw will try to win their first Lake Erie start wtih only three veterans in the lineup. All Shakerites will undoubtedly remember sensational end, Jack Shaw and fullback Howie Wolfgram from last years game. Captain Angelo Gaudio is supposed to be the hottest tackle that has hit the Lake Erie League in years.

The East Clevelander's go into the Shaker game with an impressive record of one victory and an excellent showing against the Collinwood city champs. They opened the season with a decisive victory over a supposedly powerful East team. Dick Bill's sensational passing and Jack Shaw's receiving are largely responsible for this 35-0 trouncing. Last Friday night a terrific Collinwood team came from behind to lick the Shaw gridders 21-13. Wolfgram's running and Bill's passing put Shaw ahead in the first period. After that it was Collinwood all the way.

The Red Raiders opened their season with one of the most disappointing showings in years, losing to John Hay 21-13. Among other things their pass defense was pitiful, Hay completing passes at will. Joe Szekely's terrific drive was some consolation for this drubbing. Coach Rafeld quite frankly admits he expected to win the game and nenther he nor the boys gave any alibies.



Chuck Wise nails a John Hay backfield man. Also in the picture are Chuck Gruhadaria (No. 10), Bill Oster (No. 29), and Lee Kuhner (No. 5).

Bunn, Lee Join Coaching Staff

To help Shaker students be better prepared for service in our country's war effort, the Shaker School Board saw fit to employ two additional men as instructors in Physical Education, George Lee as a swimming instructor and William Bunn as another coach to assist Howard Moritz in the gymnasium work.

William R. Bunn received his Bachelor of Science at the University of Illinois, and his Master of Arts at the University of Iowa. He majored in Physical Education.

Mr. Bunn was a coach and physical education instructor at three different high schools in Illinois. He coached football, basketball, track and baseball teams at those schools. His duties at Shaker will be to work with Coach Moritz in the Physical Education Department. He will also assist Coach Rafeld.

George T. Lee went to Springfield College and Pitt. He received a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Education, majoring in Physical Education. In school he participated in swimming, track and basketball.

Mr. Lee was the coach of several eastern collegiate champion divers and swimmers. While he coached the swimming team at Pitt they succeeded in winning 32 meets and losing none. Mr. Lee is also a qualified Red Cross swimming instructor.

When questioned about what he thought of the new preparedness program, Coach Lee stated that from his experience, the boys have showed plenty of interest and also a lot of hidden talent.

Courtsters Near Erie League Title

Climaxing a week in which they had previously beaten Elyria and Cleveland Heights, Shaker's unbeaten tennis team took on the championship Lakewood High Rangers team last Saturday at our courts. The Red Raiders won the match by sweeping all three singles matches. Our racketeers shut out Elyria 5 to 0 and came from behind to beat their arch rival, Cleveland Heights, 3 to 2. The Red Raiders have but two more matches to play this season, they being with Shaw and Lorain. By the time this article is read our boys will probably be the champions of the Lake Erie League. It will be the first league championship for our team and it is a great tribute to Mr. Harbourt as a coach who started this season with only two returning letter men, those being his two aces, Don Stricker and Don Kornreich. Shaker should be a power in Lake Erie League tennis circles for the next few years to come because they have only one senior on the team. This would be the second League championship won by Shaker team in the last year, the other one being in golf.

Feminine Sports

By Nancy Hess

First on the list of girls' sports for this semester is field hockey. The intramural tournament, which will begin around November 1, will be preceded by several weeks of after-school practice. Both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of each week are set aside for practice, and any girl interested is expected to participate both nights.

Instead of having the Juniors and Seniors come out one night and the Sophomores the next as has been done in former years, there are mixed groups on both afternoons this semester. In this way it is hoped that the Sophomores will improve their game by watching the older, more experienced players, and also that the Juniors and Seniors will become better acquainted with the Sophomore girls.

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Classes in water safety and life saving have been started under the direction of Miss La Nore Morehouse, the girls' swimming instructor. For the girls who don't have the fifth period on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday (the regular class periods) free, there are also classes after school on the same days. Miss Morehouse, commenting on these classes, said, "I think that for a school with such a remarkably high percentage of swimmers as Shaker, there should be a terrific turnout for these classes."

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Instead of indulging in usual activities, those girls, who were fortunate enough to get into a very small gym class this year are able to either bowl or play badminton during their regular gym periods. There are three badminton classes and two bowling classe.

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When the physical education program becomes better organized, Mrs. Dorothy S. Lommen, the girls' physical education director, plans to organize a bowling club. This group will meet on Monday afternoons. Due to the large number of girls who usually turn out for this club, not all applicants will be accepted. Although the method of selecting the members has not been definitely decided upon as yet, they will probably be chosen by tryout.

Red Raiders Ready For East End Gang

By Vic Gelb

There will be thrills aplenty tonight, when Shaker's charging Red Raiders, attempt to cage their number one opponents the Shaw Cardinals. As always this is the game which means more to them than any other. Both elevens this season, have new mentors, Jack W. Rafeld of Shaker, and Marty Loftus of Shaw, both of whom are good enough to produce capable teams.

Shaker this year has popped up with a wealth of material, at one time having over eighty boys out for practice. As yet though, they have not showed too much class. Against a surprisingly good John Hay team, in the seasons lifter, the Raiders bowed to the Bookkeepers 20-13, and in their second contest tied Cuyahoga Falls 6-6.

The Falls game proved Shaker to be the unluckiest team of the week, for two spectacular eighty yard runs, one by Chuck Wise, and the other by Jolting Joe Szekley were both nullified because of penalties.

Our line this year in most departments is of A-1 caliber. Tony Trentanelli and John Weizer at the ends; Fritz Bowers, Charley Longo and Lee Kuhner (a soph) brilliant at the guard positions; Pat Day and Joe Pottinger at the tackles; and Ralph Raymer and Bill Farmer at center; have carried the brunt of the attack for the forward wall. There is no lack of backs this year for Coach Rafeld has, Joe Szekley, Chuck Wise, Allen Roberts, Joe Zagara (soph), Chuck Gruttadauria (soph) and Dave Hoffman. These backs are capable of showing up the entire Lake Erie League, if they only could get a few breaks with them, instead of having them all against them. Szekley especially had displayed real driving power.

SPORT GLANCES

By Tony Abele

After making a great victory Friday morning by breaking the budget book sale, quite a few Shakerites fell down in the way of backing the "big Red" football squad that same afternoon. John Hay, the visiting team turned out in larger numbers and louder cheering and consequently won a hard-fought ball game.

This was practically the same team Shaker drubbed 33 to 0 last year. Hay had 11 lettermen returning to our 4. There is not much to be said in the way of an excuse for the Raiders, but it's my guess that it's hoped by all that next game we'll see more of Joe Szekely.

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Two of our Lake Erie League rivals really gave us something to shoot at in their first performances of the season. Shaw ripping East 35 to 0, and Lakewood blasting Berea off the map, 58 to 0.

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Shaker's swimming team, which started practice last week, will be greatly strengthened this year by our new swimming coach, Mr. Lee, from Pittsburgh, and the transfer from Heights, Craig Smith, star dash man of last year's H squad. This year's team will be built around Smith; Allan Sands, breaststroke; Chuck Parsons, 100-yard free style; Buddy Sears, diving; Aaron Brody, 40-yard free style; and Wally Baker, 220 free style.

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Congrats to Don Stricker, Shaker's number one singles man of tennis, who this summer was the runner-up in the Cleveland Press Junior tennis tournament. He lost out to Frankie Berger in the finals match. Don carried the match to 5 sets although he played the last set with a cramp in his leg. Better luck next year, Don.

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Ralph Raymer starting center for the Red Raiders will be out for most of the remaining season with a cracked knee cap. Johnny Weizer, starting end, played most of the game with 3 broken ribs and will be out for the next game at least.

Shaker Mermen Open Season Under Coach Lee

This year the Shaker swimming team, guided by coach George Lee is using a new plan to condition the swimmers. The thirty odd swimmers will be divided into three intramural teams, each one captained by a letterman. The three teams will compete for honors among themselves. Team one will be captained by Chuck Parsons, team two by Wally Baker and team three by Jim Stotter. The squad will practice twice a week at the start and later will increase this number of days. With such a large squad it's hard to see how Shaker can miss having an outstanding team this year.

Institute New Fitness Program To Prepare Boys

By Don Povejsil

In accordance with the national program for physical fitness, a five period a week conditioning schedule has been set up by Coach Howard Moritz and the athletic department. Shaker, a pioneer in this type of physical education, plans to prepare the student for the rigors and hardships of army life by various tests and exercises which develop all parts of the body. These tests which are the same as those given to the cadets at the Iowa Pre-Flight School, consist of chinning, sit-ups, push-ups, and standing broad-jumps.

Following the plan of the Commandos, the coach has also designed an obstacle course, which includes such hazards as, scaling a ten-foot wall, jumping and vaulting obstructions, climbing ropes and ladders, walking on balance beams, and crawling through cramped quarters. Each student will be introduced to all activities or obstacles gradually and after a training period time will be taken for the entire course.

The usual schedule of seasonal activities has also been changed. In addition to football and baseball such strenuous sports as soccer, cross-country running, boxing and wrestling, are being included in the program. There will also be an active outdoor program during the winter in order to further toughen up the boys. Radical changes have also been made by Coach Lee in the swimming department. Every pupil will be taking at least one period of swimming a week. Distance swimming and floating will probably be stressed by the new coach for it has been found that the strong swimmer is better able to handle himself in an emergency near water.

Commenting on the completely changed physical education set-up Coach Moritz declared, "I felt that in view of the present world situation, and the fact that many of the relatives and friends of the boys are in the service, that they would be interested in the program for their own good. However, their response has been beyond my expectations. Although the work has been much more difficult than in previous years, there has been little or no grumbling, in fact the enthusiasm has been so great that I believe that the project will be a complete success."

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Flexies' Third Year Begins This Week

Beginning the first of this week, the flexible periods again went into effect in Shaker. Primarily, they are set up for the purpose of affording conference opportunity for teacher and student and as laboratory periods. They also give a department the opportunity of meeting in the event of a lecture or visual education program without infringing on the time of the other departments. Another value is that they permit pupils to take short courses or units which they cannot work into their regular schedules.

Each department in the high school has a flexible period once a week in the classroom. There is no homework assignment the previous night.

During this, the third year of flexibles at Shaker, the schedule will be as follows: Monday, science department; Tuesday, social science clases; Wednesday, English; Thursday, mathematics and commercial subjects; and Friday, the foreign language department.

Thespians Produce "Black Flamingo"

An old fireplace, ghosts, and people that disappear, are some of the features of "The Black Flamingo," a new play by Sam Janney, to be given by the students under the direction of William F. Walton.

The story takes place in France at the time of the French Revolution, and concerns the disappearance of a diamond necklace that belonged to Marie Antoinette.

October 29 has been set as the tentative date of the performance. Budget books will be accepted for admission as there may not be a spring play.

Patin Takes Shaker to Educational War Confab

Principal R. B. Patin represented Shaker at a conference in Columbus on September 11, where reports from the four-day National Institute on Education and War, held at American University, Washington, D. C., were read and discussed. A national committee on wartime education made the following statement: "Education must make its special particular contribution to the struggle. Fighting with aim is the slogan of victory."

Even Teachers Do War Work!

This year two members of Shaker's faculty are dividing their time between teaching and war work. They are Harold A. Storms of the mechanical drawing department and J. Norman Staiger of the chemistry department.

Mr. Storms is working with a Consulting Sanitary Engineer who has been retained by the Aluminum Co. of America. He works every afternoon and teaches here in the morning. He says he enjoys the work because it is along the line of work that he took at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Staiger, as chief chemist of the Steel Improvement and Forge Co., is in charge of the chemical control to government specifications of vital aircraft, submarine, and torpedo forgings.

Glamor Comes to Grid

Bringing a feminine note to the masculine stronghold, the football field, five Shaker girls have joined the cheer leader staff. They are: Janet Nash, Jean Michell, Barbara Hansell, Ann Colston, and Dawn Jackson.

The newly augmented rah-rah force will go into action for the first time at the Shaw-Shaker game, October 2. Meanwhile, head cheer leader Johnny Sedlak has taken renewed interest in his work.

Higbee's Still Open

Nearly 115 Shaker students worked Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, at Higbee's Comparison Days.

Applicants were interviewed the week before by A. E. Anderson and Miss Mary Fisher of Higbee's employment department. Those chosen for positions as stock boys or salesmen were instructed in their respective work by Higbee staff members. All students went to Higbee's Wednesday, for actual practice in the store.

Each of the industrious Shakerites had the unusual opportunity of missing school Friday—and getting paid for it.

New Teachers Face Students

As the war calls more and more of Shaker's teaching force, the school board has brought up reinforcements to fill their places.

Nine new faces on the faculty of Shaker High School include William R. Bunn of DeKalb, Illinois, physical education and assistant football coach; Miss Kathryn Emmert, homeroom 124, a graduate of Flora Stone Mather College, home economics; George T. Lee of Pittsburgh, swimming and physical education; Miss Mildred Nichol, homeroom 121, of South High School in Youngstown, Ohio, Spanish; Miss LaNore Morehouse of Waukegan, Illinois, swimming and physical education; Mrs. Alta Seasholes, homeroom 307, of Cleveland, chemistry; Kenneth Watson, homeroom 206, of Carrollton, Ohio, mathematics; and Mrs. Orpha Kortz, mother of our student president, homeroom 122, home economics.

Cafeteria Offers Jobs

Ambitious students with a desire to augment their rather slender allowances have been earning a bit of small change and also their lunches by working in the cafeteria during lunch periods.

Eleanor Copeland, who has completed her schooling, is helping out behind the salad and desert counter. Bruce Macrae, who worked in Mrs. Esmerelda Fullerton's commissary last year, and Jim Hayes are working as cashiers.

The lesser known, but never the less essential cafeteria boys, are Bill Ramsdale and Dick Murphy who work as tray cleaners behind the tray window.

Budget Book Sale Hits New High; 767 Sold in Drive

Spurred on by the incoming 10B's, Shaker High chalked up the record mark of 767 Budget Books sold during the week of Monday, September 4. Supporting the football team, aiding in the financing of the Shakerite and other school activities, the books met a 100 per cent response in five homerooms.

Lee Kuhner, 10B, turned in a perfect record for room 308, for which he was salesman. Jane Roudebush and Ten Wood, also 10B's, reported 100 per cent for their respective homerooms, 310 and 312. Two 12B rooms also went all out on the project. Salesmen Bob Mapes and Evelyn Mack turned the trick for 119 and 224.

During the sale, a poster on which a large "S" was drawn, was displayed in the main hall. With every book purchased, one of the 700 squares in the "S" was filled in red and each additional sale was marked in gold in the border.

Budget Books entitle their purchasers to six football games, eight basketball contests, all wrestling and home swimming meets, all of the Shakerite issues, class dues, and the Spring play.

Select New Book Chief

Miss Harriet Field has been appointed librarian of Shaker High School Library. As Miss Fields is in complete charge of the library room, Miss Anderson will now be able to spend more time caring for the various school libraries.

During the summer the Board of Education purchased various books. The elementary Schools received all new textbooks; the Junior and Senior High many new sets.

Among the new titles, the library has received a series "What the Citizen Should Know," pertaining to various armed and defense services of the United States. These are highly recommended by all who have read them. Also there are two new books on General MacArthur. The recommendations of the Literary Advisory Council were adopted so far as it was possible to obtain these books.

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